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Page 2, third paragraph is amended as follows:

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We have also found that the resultant product has good mechanical strength properties and for example with densities in the range 250-300Kg/m³, flexural strengths of 0.15-0.45 MPa are achieved. Experiments have shown that the density is preferably no less than 140Kg/m³ to achieve acceptable flexural strength in a self-supporting product. Furthermore, the greater the proportion of the vermiculite, the more light weight the product.

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